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Orthodox-Baptist Dialogue

Nikon D. Patrinos (second from left) discusses a point during a Southern Baptist-Greek Orthodox dialogue held in the Orthodox Academy of St. Basil in Garrison, N. Y. Patrinos is ecumenical officer for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. Also participating in the discussion are (from left) C. Brownlow Hastings, assistant director of the Department of Interfaith Witness of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; the Very Rev. Maximon Aghorgousis, professor of systematic theology at Holy Cross Seminary in Brookline, Mass., and Jack Altman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dundalk, Baltimore, Md. Purpose of the dialogue was to discover common land and interests and understand one another's faith and point of view. (HMB Photo by Glen Igleheart)

Board Appoints 21, Moves To Support New Programs

By Bob Stanley

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its July meeting here, added 21 missionaries and two special project workers and geared up to give full support to new programs designed to utilize an increased number of volunteers in overseas missions.

The overseas council of the Foreign Mission Board will hold a special meeting during the Foreign Missions Conference in Glorieta, N. M., early in August with the chairman and vice-chairman of each of the board's standing committees to discuss procedures for implementing plans for escalation of the Southern Baptist Convention volunteer, short-term missionary efforts proposed by President Jimmy Carter and approved in June by the SBC.

Plans made by this group of 34 then will be shared with the full 84-member Foreign Mission Board in its Aug. 10-11 meeting at Glorieta.

President Carter made his proposal for Southern Baptists to support increased numbers of missions volunteers at home and overseas during a June 7 meeting at the White House with key Southern Baptist leaders. Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City gave unanimous backing to Executive Committee proposals for 5,000 short-term volunteer missionaries growing out of the President's recommendations. A work group was set up to carry out the planning.

Baptist Woman Heads Telephone Ministry

By Duann Kier

"My feeling is, in the world we live today, we've lost a lot of our personal feelings toward people; the ability to come right out and say 'I love' or 'I feel this way'. CONTACT is one way we can do this, by sharing our time," says Blanche Creel, director of CONTACT.

The organization is Jackson's only 24-hour personal help and crisis intervention telephone counseling service. The center, one of 66 across the US, is affiliated with Contact Teleministries, USA, Inc., and began operation in March 1971. The cooperation of church groups of various denominations and mental health professions has produced a program involving trained volunteers backed by skilled professionals. Being a non-sectarian, non-profit organization, CONTACT has its own charter and bylaws.

"We want Baptist people to become involved, to share in this ministry," expresses Creel. "We have people of all denominations — Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopalian."

CONTACT originated by the Methodists, according to Creel, as a "social ministry to get caring, concerned Christians to use sharing abilities." The original idea came from "Lifeline" in Australia.

At present, CONTACT has around 200 trained volunteer workers each working about eight hours a month. For those calls demanding immediate crisis intervention, such as suicide, one of 15 support workers is referred to. These are professionals — doctors,

In other action, the Foreign Mission Board:

—Approved relief projects totaling \$52,075, including \$4,200 for flood relief and self-help projects in Brazil, \$2,500 for flood relief in Argentina, \$15,000 for war relief and rehabilitation in Lebanon and \$2,500 to help repair war damage to the Beirut Baptist School in Lebanon, \$2,500 to provide medicine for a needy area in Rwanda, \$4,375 to help victims of a grenade explosion in M'Lang, Philippines, and \$21,000 for self-help projects for refugees in the Chanthaburi area of Thailand.

—Authorized the use of hunger funds to provide \$5,000 for development of an agricultural extension demonstration program in Mexico and \$2,500 for an agricultural project in Tortola, Leeward Islands Mission in the Caribbean.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Vassar Jr. were among 21 missionaries appointed. They expect to be assigned to Venezuela, where he will be a general evangelist.

Currently they are serving in Liberty where he is pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church and Amite River Baptist Church. She is central services supervisor at Methodist Hospital in New Orleans.

Both are from South Carolina. He was born in Kingstree and lived in Charleston, Summerton and Manning while growing up. She was born in Clarendon County and attended school in Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Sumrall were employed as missionary associates

lawyers, psychiatrists, etc. — on call for a week at a time. If there are any calls concerning religious problems, for example, they are referred to the minister on call regardless of denominational affiliation.

"Of the people calling in, the biggest problem seems to be loneliness," comments Creel. "It may come to surface as a drinking problem, drugs, or marital difficulty; but most seem to originate from loneliness."

CONTACT volunteers have received at least 50 hours of intensive training and are capable of discussing whatever problem the callers might have. All conversations are held in the strictest confidence.

"We do not say 'This is sin' no matter

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Blanche Creel, director of CONTACT, is a Baptist and the daughter of Sam Creel who is pastor at Highland Church in Jackson.

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Congress is on the verge of repealing a century-old statute prohibiting public funds for a United States ambassador to the Vatican.

The Senate has already voted repeal of the law enacted on February 28, 1867. The matter now goes to a conference committee between the House and Senate to iron out differences between the two versions of the 1978 appropriations bill (H. R. 6689) for the Department of State. The repeal of the 1867 statute was not in the bill as passed by the House of Representatives.

U. S. Sen. Richard Stone (D-Fla.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, proposed the repeal of the 1867 law because he felt that such a prohibition should not stand in the way if the President of the United States desired to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican.

The Foreign Relations Committee

report on the State Department appropriations bill explained about the repeal proposal. It said, "The provision does not mandate the establishment of such ties, but will permit the administration to exercise its discretion in determining whether U. S. interests would at some time be served by formal diplomatic relations."

The repeal of the 1867 prohibition sailed through the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and through the Senate itself unnoticed by the public or the press. However, it came to light when President Jimmy Carter announced that he had named David M. Walters as his personal representative to the Pope.

A spokesman in Senator Stone's office stated that he did not know who had called this matter to the attention of the senator. He explained, however, that the senator felt that since there is a Vatican presence in many parts of the world and in the interests of President Carter's emphasis on human rights, it would be appropriate for the United States to have an ambassador to the Vatican.

It was not known at the time of this news report whether the initiative in the movement toward full ambassadorial representation at the Vatican was taken by the Department of State, or by the Vatican, or by President Carter, or by other forces.

The conference committee members on H. R. 6689 from the Senate are Senators John Sparkman (D-Ala.), George McGovern (D-S.D.), Joseph R. Biden (D-Del.), Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.), Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.), and Howard H. Baker (R-Tenn.).

The conference committee members from the House are Representatives Clement J. Zablocki (D-Wis.), Dante B. Fascell (D-Fla.), Charles C. Diggs Jr. (D-Mich.), Lester J. Ryan (D-Calif.), Helen S. Meyer (D-

N.J.), Wyche Fowler (D-Ga.), William S. Broomfield (R-Mich.), John Buchanan (R-Ala.), and J. Herbert Burke (R-Fla.).

Immediate response came from Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), who expressed strong opposition to federal funding of an ambassador to the Vatican.

Declaring that such funding would breach the wall separating church and state, Allen, repeating a statement he made when Carter named Walters,

said, "Such a practice would violate the spirit and probably the letter of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

"I would urge concerned citizens to contact their elected representatives on the conference committee and in the House and Senate opposing such action by calling them at the U. S. Capitol at (202) 224-3121 or writing or sending telegrams to the U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C. 20510 or the U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515," Allen said.

President Carter's

Yazoo City Visit Involves Baptists

Citizens of Yazoo City have been involved this week in preparing for a visit by the President of the United States. Such preparations are more than would normally be expected when a visitor is coming to town, for the President is accompanied by a sizeable corps of news people as well as secret service personnel.

Television crews were in Yazoo City Sunday, and James Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church, said portions of the church's Sunday morning worship services were televised by NBC for later showing as a part of the network's report of the President's visit.

"We made no special preparation for the televising," Yates said. "We were to observe the Lord's Supper, and we went ahead with our plans as they were."

The President will be in Yazoo City Thursday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cooper. The Coopers are Southern Baptists, as is the President; and Cooper is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Yates said he felt it was the President's denomination affiliation and the fact that the Coopers are members of First Baptist Church that caused NBC to decide to televise the service.

He said the church made no plans for any further involvement in the visit except that his daughter, Carol Joy Yates, was asked to play the piano during entertainment that was planned

for reporters and photographers who would be in the city.

Cooper said the visit presents a very interesting situation and that he and Mrs. Cooper are "humbled and honored by the visit." He indicated that several members of his family would be at his home to entertain the President, who is traveling this time without his family. The group will go to the Cooper home following a town meeting in Yazoo City in which the President is to participate.

"Following breakfast the next morning (Friday) the President will continue on his trip," Cooper said.

President Carter's travel plans called for a speech in Charleston, S. C., on Thursday afternoon before his arrival at the Jackson Municipal Airport.

Cooper told the Baptist Record that this trip is a part of the President's

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Garner Takes Clarke Post

Gary Garner has accepted the position of Academic Dean-Registrar at Clarke College and will assume his duties in mid-July. Garner is a native of Prentiss, and is a graduate of Mississippi College. He earned the M.A. degree from the University of Mississippi, and a PhD from Louisiana State University.

Garner has taught at Wayland Baptist College in Texas, Louisiana College at Pineville, University of Colorado, and has served as Professor and Chairman of Foreign Languages at Dallas Baptist College since 1969.

As a Fulbright Scholar, he studied for a year in Austria and has published an elementary German text, *Guten Tag*. His name is included in *Who's Who in American Education* and the *Directory of American Scholars*.

Mrs. Garner, the former Mary Bridges, is also of Prentiss and they are the parents of a daughter of seventeen and a son of twelve. Mrs. Garner, who attended William Carey College and has had considerable experience as a secretary, will serve as Assistant Registrar.



Baptist Leaders Say "No Soap" To "Soap"

NASHVILLE (BP) — Three Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) leaders who have previewed the first two episodes of "Soap," an upcoming prime time series on ABC-TV, have indicated vigorous protests against what one of them calls "a 30-minute dirty joke."

Foy Valentine and Harry N. Hollis Jr. of the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, have written to ABC President Fred Pierce asking that "Soap" be cancelled before it is shown.

SBC President Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, predicts: "This may be the spark which will ignite the anger of a public weary of being inundated with filth and deeply concerned about the moral climate of our nation."

"Baptists have historically been and now are strong supporters of the First Amendment and its precious rights of freedom, but we also believe that with freedom comes responsibility," declared Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission.

"Robert M. Bennett, vice chairman of ABC's affiliate board, calls 'Soap' a 'sophisticated adult farce,'" said Hollis, director of family and special moral concerns for the commission.

"He is mistaken. 'Soap' is not sophisticated; it is a 30-minute dirty joke," declared Hollis of the series which deals with themes of adultery, homosexuality, transvestitism and impotency.

Picking up on a New York Times quote from Fred Silverman, ABC's program chief, who reportedly said, "In time it ('Soap') will be perceived as a moral show," Valentine declared:

"That statement has to rank as one of the truly ridiculous statements in the history of television. Some television people claim it will be a hit. I say it is a hit. It hits decency; it hits morality; it hits responsible sexuality; it hits family life; and hits the values without which no civilization can survive."

Allen and Valentine predicted that Southern Baptists and others will join together to express outrage if the show is aired. Valentine called on advertisers to reject it and Hollis and Allen indicated that advertisers may face economic sanctions from indignant viewers.

"Southern Baptists can be expected to unite vigorously with Roman Catholics, Methodists and others of like mind to call a halt to TV's gross immoralities represented by ABC's offering of 'Soap,'" Valentine declared.

"Advertisers ought not to identify with it. Local stations ought to reject it. TV viewers ought to refuse it."

Valentine also declared that a one-day delay "proposed for the so-called Bible Belt (Central time zone) is not satisfactory at all."

"By scheduling this four-letter show, 'Soap,' in prime time, ABC reveals it is willing to pollute the minds of children in order to make a profit," said Hollis. He said one study reveals that the number of children watching TV does not fall below one million before 1 a.m.

"When will these writers, these producers, the networks and the local stations learn that the American people are tired of contempt for family, perversion of sex and glorification of violence?" Hollis asked. "We are asking for a portrayal of genuine fellowship between human beings, for healthy laughter and for responsible drama."

According to reviews of "Soap" in news media across the country, the series has raised concern of some affiliates that it may cause them problems and reports indicate that the British Broadcasting Company, which bids for promising American TV shows, declined it without comment.

The soap opera involves two sisters. One is married to a wealthy executive who has several affairs going on the side; the other to a man who secretly killed her first husband.

The rich sister has two daughters.

One is described as 'latent nun' by her pornographic magazine-oriented younger brother; the other is a liberated young woman who usually returns home in time for breakfast. She and her mother are having an affair with the same young tennis pro.

The other sister's husband is impotent (related to his murder of her first husband, whom she thinks committed suicide). One of her sons, in the mafia, is being given a contract to kill his

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Memorial Scholarship Established For Bryant

A scholarship fund in memory of Therman V. Bryant has been established by his family, interested groups, and other individuals, according to Foy Rogers, director of the Department of Cooperative Missions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Directors of associational Missions in Mississippi and the Cooperative Missions department have expressed approval of this Therman V. Bryant Memorial Scholarship Fund, Rogers said.

Bryant, who had been consultant in the Cooperative Missions department, died July 4.

Money donated for this fund will be invested by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and will be used for scholarships in Mississippi Baptist colleges. The fund will be administered by the Board of Ministerial Education of the Mississippi Baptist Convention or whatever agency is designated by the convention or Convention Board, Rogers indicated.

Donations for the fund should be sent to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Rogers said. They should be designated for the Therman V. Bryant Scholarship Fund.

Rogers said guidelines for awarding scholarships with the proceeds of the fund have been established as follows:

1. In the administering of funds, due consideration shall be given to students enrolled in all Mississippi Baptist colleges.
2. Due consideration shall be given to all church related vocations.
3. Recipients of this scholarship shall be approved by the pastor or the chairman of deacons of his or her home church, the director of associational missions or moderator of his or her association, and the appropriate administrative official of the college.
4. Students benefiting from this scholarship must be members of a cooperating Mississippi Southern Baptist church, give evidence of a genuine conversion experience, a call to the Christian ministry, church and denominational loyalty, doctrinal soundness, and moral fitness.

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82 Mississippi Students Serve In Summer Missions

ATLANTA—Eighty-two Mississippi students are serving in home missions across the U.S. this summer.

The students serve for 10 weeks discovering their interest and aptitude for mission commitment and supplementing the work of home missionaries. They work in backyard Bible clubs, revivals, language missions, Christian social ministries, resorts, construction and other creative and innovative missions ministries.

The Home Mission Board sponsored 44 of the students and Mississippi Baptist Student Unions sponsored 38. Reports from some of the BSU Home & Foreign Summer Missionaries are in this week's Baptist Record.

HMB-sponsored students are: Lorraine Coleman of McComb and Alcorn State University, serving in Georgia; Melanie Guest of Montgomery, Ala., and Belhaven College, serving in Maryland; from Blue Mountain College; Janice George of Ripley, serving in Georgia; Mary Smith of Houlika, serving in Alabama; George Walker of Wardell, serving in the Northwest.

From Clarke College: Kim Calhoun of Mendenhall, serving in Texas; Thomas Jacobs of Union, serving in Mississippi; Pamela Jones of Springfield, Vermont, serving in Vermont; William Redford of Decatur, Ga., serving in New England; and Linda Robinson of Conehatta, serving in Illinois.

From Delta State University: Barbara Fletcher of Natchez, serving in Maryland; David Howell of Clarksdale, serving in Mississippi; Daniel Moore of Carthage, serving in Florida; from East Central Jr. College: Belinda Burnham of Forest, serving in California; and Kermit Moore of Philadelphia, serving in Mississippi.

Jeffrey Hendrix of Philadelphia and East Mississippi Jr. College, serving in Mississippi; Rachel Chapman of Jackson and Hinds Jr. College, serving in Kentucky; John Cole of Raleigh and Jones County Jr. College, serving in California; Elizabeth Carpenter of Meridian and Meridian Jr. College, serving in Colorado.

From Mississippi College: Huda Awais of Jordan, serving in Illinois and June Rose of Pensacola, Fla., serving in Pennsylvania; from Mississippi State University: Gloria Holliman of Caledonia, serving in New York; Hilda Spratlin of Pittsboro, serving in West Virginia; from Northwest Mississippi Jr. College: Debra Hudson of Batesville, serving in New Mexico; Susan Koelz of Henando, serving in Mississippi; Mary Kuehn of Como, serving in Mississippi; Floyd Smith of Lambert, serving in Mississippi; from Southwest Mississippi Jr. College: Jesse Barksdale of Walker, La., serving in Mississippi; Joe Busby of Jayess, serving in South Carolina; Ron Kennemer of Osyka, serving in Mississippi; Billie Martin of Ruth, serving in Mississippi; Lloyd Newman of Liberty, serving in California;

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what is said on the other end. We simply listen and care," remarks Creel. "We do refer callers to agencies in the community for problems needing long-term care."

Volunteers are acquired through church organizations, universities and publication of the training program.

"Anyone can take the training program just for their own personal growth," states Creel. "The training is so intensive, it usually does a pretty good job of screening (sometimes only 75 out of 300 complete the program). Even after program completion, volunteers applying to actually man a phone still have to be screened by a governing board and myself."

The next training program will be 7-9 on Monday nights, Sept. 5-Dec. 20. "Please encourage Baptist people to take part. CONTACT says 'I care'."

Yazoo City

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continuing program to visit several sections of the nation. The Mississippi Baptist said he felt the President was grateful to Mississippi for its vote during the national election that actually assured him of the victory. In deciding upon a place to stay, Cooper said he felt it was the mutual interest he and the President have in a common religion and their mutual interest in the action of the Southern Baptist Convention this year in Kansas City that caused the President to think of the Coopers. On a suggestion by the President the convention adopted a plan of putting 5,000 volunteers to work in Bold Missions efforts by 1982. Cooper presented this plan to the convention following a luncheon with President Carter. Cooper also supported the President during the national election. Cooper indicated there would be "just family talk" during the President's visit. "There'll be no favors sought," he said.

Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value. — Albert Einstein: Personal memoir of Wm. Miller

Charles Rogers of Centerville, serving in Mississippi.
Vearline Lee of Clinton and Tougaloo College, serving in Michigan.

Building Seminar Planned

Pastors and staff members, building program committees, and architects can receive church building planning assistance at a Church Architecture Planning Seminar at Samford University in Birmingham, Sept. 19-22. The purpose of the seminar is to enable church leaders and building designers to evaluate the use of existing church buildings and determine the amount and types of additional building spaces needed for church programs.

Directed by George Fletcher and Lee Anderton from the Church Architecture Department in Nashville, the seminar will provide instruction about how to organize for effective building planning, how to use available resources for a successful building program, and suggestions about the various phases of a church building program. Seminar participants will receive personal consultation on their individual church building planning needs.

Seminary sessions begin Monday, Sept. 19, at 6:00 p.m. and end on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 12:00 noon. Registration fee is \$30, which includes the cost of materials and two meals. Further information about the program, registration, and accommodations may be received upon request from the Church Architecture Department, Sunday School Board of the S.B.C., 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234, phone (615) 251-2466.

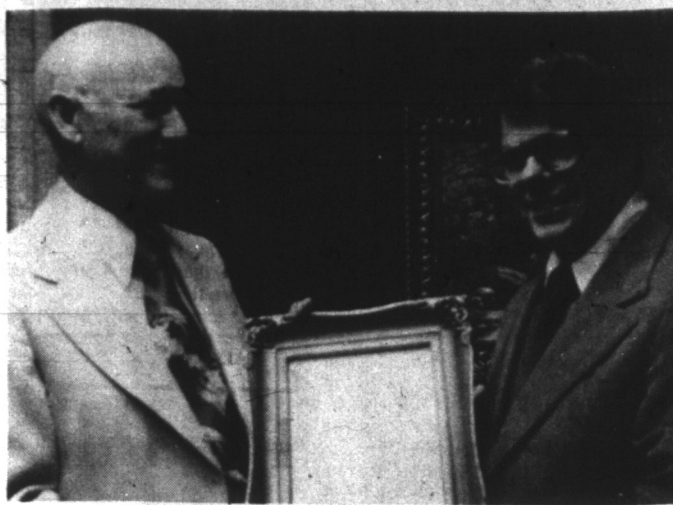
gan; Howard Williams of Grenada and University of Mississippi, serving in Maryland; from University of Southern Mississippi: Debbie Alexander of Jayess, serving in California; Charles Hines of Natchez, serving in Missouri; Peggy Ishee of Decatur, Ga., serving in California; Wanda Sullivan of Mt. Olive, serving in Mississippi.

From William Carey College: Bernice Balch of Laurel, serving in Mississippi; Charles Moore of Hattiesburg, serving in Mississippi; Richard Sieger of Slidell, La., serving in California; William Stephens of Hattiesburg, serving in the Northwest; Peggy Stephens of Hattiesburg, S.C., serving in Northwest.

Newsbriefs

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Delegates to the eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ (UCC) charged that the crusade against gay rights measures led by singer Anita Bryant "represents a reactionary movement which may eventually erode the civil rights of all." As in 1975, the Synod noted that it was not addressing "the rightness or wrongness of same-gender relationships," but was expressing its "Christian conviction that all persons are entitled to full civil liberties and equal protection under the law."

Abidjan, Ivory Coast — Baptist publications and broadcasting for the five-nation area known as the Francophone (French-speaking) countries will be centered here in a new publications and mass media building. Buddy V. Norville, Southern Baptist missionary press representative and director of publications here, said the new structure will not only enable Baptists to print their own materials cheaper, but also to have better control over their product. The \$50,000 publications building will be financed through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



Resolution Honors Compere

First Church Newton on June 26 expressed appreciation in a resolution to Dr. W. L. Compere for his service to Clarke College and the field of Christian education. Gratitude was also expressed to Dr. and Mrs. Compere for leading others in cooperation with the programs and ministries of First Newton. Hardy R. Denham, Jr. (right), pastor of the church, presents Compere with a copy of the resolution.

Odle Honored Board Appoints 21 By ACP

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Joe T. Odle, who retired last year as editor of the Baptist Record, has been awarded honorary life membership by the Associated Church Press (ACP).

The ACP called Odle "one of those leaders in the field of Christian journalism who has brought honor to the profession through the quality of his work."

Citing his work with the Record, whose circulation is "the largest of any Mississippi newspaper, secular or religious," the ACP said: "Joe Odle is a Christian leader who, in his ministry, has served not only one publication or one denomination, but the worldwide body of Christ. He has vigorously promoted evangelization at home and abroad. He has taken time to keep in touch with developments of the Christian world far beyond the boundaries of the church organization that was his employer. His activity and leadership in ACT (including membership on its board) was beneficial to fellow journalists from many denominations."

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teacher in Farwell (Tex.) public schools, near Clovis.

Sumrall was born in Amarillo, Tex., and also lived in Baton Rouge, La., while growing up. He was pastor of churches in Laurel and Baton Rouge before going to Clovis.

Mrs. Sumrall is the former Jane Nickey from McComb. She attended Mississippi College.

Cynthia L. McGee expects to be assigned to children's work in Chile.

Currently Miss McGee is living in Ocean Springs, Miss., where she is a teacher for Ocean Springs School District and a member of First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Miss McGee was born in Memphis, and grew up in Jackson. She attended Blue Mountain College and was graduated with the bachelor of science degree from Mississippi College. She received the master of religious edu-



received the master of religious education degree from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

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father's murderer (his step father) and the other son is a homosexual-transvestite who wants a sex-change operation.

The family has a black servant who exchanges racial epithets with a senile grandfather, who wears a Gen. Patton suit and thinks World War II is still going on.

Bryant Memorial

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5. It is presumed by the administrators of this fund that recipients of the scholarship who do not pursue a church related vocation will return the funds.

Those desiring further information concerning this project should contact Rogers.



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Also appointed were Mr. and Mrs. J. Eugene Covington. They expect to be assigned to Ghana, West Africa, where he will be a pharmacist.

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Weber Recovering

LUBBOCK, Tex. (BP) — Former Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) President Jaroy Weber is resting comfortably in Methodist Hospital after suffering what doctors call a "mild heart attack" here June 28.

Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, is listed in serious but stable condition.

He served as SBC president for two terms 1975-76.

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NABWU Assembly Set For Freeport

"Growing in the Love of Christ" is the theme for the North American Baptist Women's Union continental assembly to be held in Freeport, Grand Bahamas, Oct. 12-16. More than 2,500 Baptist women are expected to represent 17 English-speaking Baptist bodies in North America and the Caribbean.

The NABWU holds assemblies once every five years. The 1972 meeting was held in Toronto with more than 2,500 present. The 1977 assembly will celebrate the NABWU's twenty-fifth anniversary.

Following are some of the personalities on the Continental Assembly program.

Alice E. Ball—American Bible Society executive secretary of volunteer activities

Dorothy L. Brown—the first black woman general surgeon in the southern United States or to serve in the Tenn. state legislature

W. A. Criswell—chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Committee.

Evelyn Christenson—author of *What Happens When Women Pray*

Malvie Lee Giles—has made a concert tour of Rhodesia for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Ronald Goulding—associate secretary of BWA.

Ayako Hino—recording secretary of the Women's Dept. of the BWA

Doris Johnson—president of the Bahamas Senate as well as coor-

inator of the Women's Auxiliary of Bahamas Baptists, she was the first woman senator as cabinet member, serving as minister of transport.

Andrew D. MacRae—secretary of the Baptist Union of Scotland

Pearl Lee McNeil—anthropologist and associate professor of social sciences at Bishop College in Dallas, Tex.

Marie Mathis—president of the Women's Dept. of the BWA.

Mrs. Fred B. Moseley—will give dramatic Scriptural meditations at each morning session, is married to a faculty member at NOBTS

Ruth Velasquez—serves on the Exec. Committee of the BWA Women's Dept.

Thelea Wesseler—vice-pres. of the BWA

Marena Williams—is on the NABWU Exec. Committee

Special musicians will be Deirdra Durham, Wanda McKee, and Kathy Gladden from Baylor University in Waco, TX, who have taken top honors in talent competitions.

Persons attending should arrive by evening Oct. 12 when a Bahamian welcome will be given. On other days plenary sessions will be held each morning and evening. Workshops will be in the afternoon. The meeting will close with the evening session Oct. 15. Conference will depart Oct. 16. Plans have been made for women to have free time each afternoon for relaxing, shopping, or sightseeing.

Report of Cooperative Program Gifts

6 Months Ended 6-30-77 Compared to 6 Months 1976

	No Churches	Gifts 1976	Gifts 1977	Over (Under)	Percent Inc. (Decr.)
No Gifts either year	238	---	---	---	---
Gave 1976 — None 1977	59	\$ 47,008	---	(47,008)	---
77 Less than '76	499	\$1,218,021	\$ 977,670	(\$240,351)	(19.7)
77 More than '76	1050	2,300,948	2,813,266	512,318	22.2
77 Same as '76	83	49,475	49,474	---	---
TOTAL	1827	\$3,615,452	\$3,840,410	\$224,958	6.2

Planning Meets Set For Church Program

Sixteen church program organization planning meetings have been scheduled in August and September by the Program Director's office at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Chester Vaughn, MCBP program director, announced that the meetings, a first for Mississippi Baptists, have been developed for church pastors and the five church program leaders to offer planning aid and activity suggestions for the 1977-78 church year.

Invited to the meetings are the pastors, and directors of Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, and Church Music. Separate meetings are set for each.

The 16 meetings are set up for travel convenience. Each will meet from 7-9 p.m. August 30, meetings will be held at First Baptist Churches of Philadelphia, Newton, Hattiesburg, and Biloxi.

September 1 meetings will be at First Baptist Churches in Booneville, Oxford, Houston, and Starkville. September 6 offers Oakhurst church in Clarksdale, FRC of Sardis and Green-

wood, and Hollandale Baptist Church. September 8 offers First Baptist Churches of Jackson and Brookhaven, and Meadville and Prentiss Baptist Churches.

The meetings will be staffed by Baptist Building personnel and special workers.

Wood Named To U.N. Rights Organization

WASHINGTON (BP) — James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here, is the new chairman of the Council of Washington Representatives of the United Nations (CWRUN).

For the past three years, Wood has served on the executive committee of CWRUN, a body which is composed of 168 organizations or their representatives and which has been active in the cause of human rights.

Seek Professional Help

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Dept., MCBP

In discussing the matter of giving with the Corinthian church, in II Cor. 9:6, Paul says, "But this I say, he that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

I believe one can truthfully say to a church that the congregation that spends sparingly in budget promotion will reap also sparingly in budget receipts, while on the other hand, the congregation that spends bountifully in budget promotion shall reap also bountifully in budget receipts. I have observed this happening again and again in churches across the land. This leads me to observe that church budget campaigns are much more likely to get into trouble by not spending enough money than they are by spending too much. The church that spends nothing in budget promotion is limiting its own strength.

If your church is serious about making a significant increase in budget receipts, perhaps you should consider seeking professional help. Seymour, great fund-raiser of the past, says, "Figures can be cited showing that the total cost of campaigns professionally directed have been less than comparable campaigns without such outside help."

The engagement of a professional should be at the very beginning of things, and not, as the old saying goes, after all the cream has been skimmed off the milk. Any time you wait in fund-raising until you get into trouble, it is very apt to be too late! The doctor has to see the dying man, but the good professional fundraiser doesn't have to heed the cries of an ill-conceived and really sick campaign. And probably won't.

Churches in Mississippi have available to them free professional guidance if they are seriously committed to significantly increasing church income. The department, for lack of staff, cannot help every church with its budget campaign, but where churches are desirous of deliberately making a maximum effort to commit its people to follow Bible patterns of giving, the department will give serious consideration to providing professional assistance to that church.

An interested church should make contact at least six months, preferably a year, before such help is needed. Mississippi is the only state convention providing this degree of assistance free to her churches.

Training Day Returns Aug. 4

The fourth in the continuing quarterly Training Days will be held August 4, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the main auditorium of FBC, Jackson. Courses conclude at 3:30 p.m. An award for the courses offered will apply toward leadership diplomas.

Conferences offered are: Baptist Faith and Message, Working with Homebound Adults in Sunday School, WMU Work in the Church, Focus on Ministries, Volunteer Ministries, and

Royal Ambassador Camp Craft Skills.

Also included are: four courses on developing Church Training programs for adults, youth, children, and a general course.

Books for the courses may be purchased at the conference. No child care will be provided. Lunch may be purchased at the Baptist Building.

Teachers include convention board staffers and other specialists in church work.

August WMU Camp Planned

WMU Camp is August 22-25. Planned to train church WMU officers and leaders in the responsibilities of their office, the four identical one day sessions will be held at Camp Garaywa in Clinton.

August 22 has the only night session — from 7-9 p.m. August 23, 24, and 25 are day sessions running from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Conferences include sessions on general WMU work, Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, Ateens, Girls In Action, and Mission Friends. They offer sub-conferences for inexperienced workers in the different age groups.

Cost of day sessions is \$3 which includes lunch. The night session is \$.75 with no meal served.

For those unable to attend any of the Garaywa sessions, a series of WMU Camp Extensions will be held several days earlier. They will be at the following places: On Aug. 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., First Church Columbia; Aug. 16, 7-9 p.m., Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Aug. 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., First Church Greenwood; August 18, 7-9 p.m., First Church Starkville.

Home Board Appoints Eight Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — Eight persons were appointed career missionaries by directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during their June executive board meeting here.

The board also appointed a husband and wife as US-2 missionaries and approved 19 persons to receive pastoral aid.

Named career missionaries were Alan and Sandi Dahl of Louisville, Ky.; Dan and Dianne Lawton of Roanoke, Va.; Glen and Nancy Little of Electra, Tex.; and Jim and Carole Putman of Conroe, Tex. Richard and Deborah Hale of Campbellsville, Ky., were appointed as US-2 missionaries.

The Dahls will live and work in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he will be director of Christian social ministries. Dahl, a native of Pittsburgh, is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Prior to appointment, he was youth minister at Harrods Creek Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Dahl, a native of Birmingham, Ala., is a graduate of Alderson-Broadus College. Prior to appointment, she was a nursing instructor at Kentucky State University.

The Lawtons will live and work in Roanoke, where he will be director of the missions center. Lawton, born in China, is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also attended the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Arlington. Mrs. Lawton, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Southwestern Seminary.

The Littles will live and work in Palmer, Ala., where he will be a pastoral missionary. Little, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Seminary. Prior to appointment, he was pastor of Rock Crossing Baptist Church in Electra, Tex. He also has been pastor of churches in Brandon, Tex.; Douglas, Ariz.; and Thornton, Colo. Mrs. Little, a native of Wichita Falls, Tex., is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons and attended Southwestern Seminary.

The Putmans will live and work in Conroe, Tex., where he will be director of Christian social ministries. Putman, a native of Natalia, Tex., is a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi and Southwestern Seminary. He received his clinical pastoral education at the Texas Department of Corrections, Huntsville, Tex. Prior to appointment, he was a social worker with the Conroe public schools. He also has been pastor of churches in Realitos, Leming and Conroe, Tex. Mrs. Putman, a native of Devine, Tex., is a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi and attended Southwestern Seminary.

The Hales will live and work in Ekwoh, Alaska, as US-2 missionaries. The US-2 program is a Peace-Corps like program, designed to allow young persons an opportunity to test their calling in a short-term missions program. Those appointed serve two years, generally between college and seminary. Hale, a native of Kentucky, is a graduate of Campbellsville College. Mrs. Hale, also a native of Kentucky, is a graduate of Campbellsville College.

Twenty-Five From Liberty Complete Indiana Project

Nineteen youth and six adults of Liberty Church have recently returned from a summer mission project in Muncie, Indiana. The assignment for the project was made by the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia.

Each morning Monday - Friday the Liberty youth led in back-yard Bible clubs. The youth were divided into five teams for the Bible clubs, with each club meeting in a different area. Three of these five areas had never had any Bible study led by any church group. There were 93 children enrolled in the five clubs. The host church for the group was Creekwood Church of Muncie. The Creekwood congregation is now trying to enlist these children in Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, and worship attendance.

Revival services were held Sunday through Wednesday with Charles Holifield, pastor of Liberty Church, as evangelist. The Liberty youth group under the direction of Kenneth White

was used as the service choir for the revival.

Enroute to Muncie the youth gave a concert on Wednesday evening at First Church Corinth, Mississippi where the Liberty native, John Milton Causey is pastor. Thursday afternoon was spent at Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee. On Friday the group toured the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Youth participating in the summer mission project were: LeWain Coker, Shara Copeland, Alinda Cruise, Melinde Dixon, Ami Duck, Joe Harvey, Dee Dee Hinton, Mary Hinton, Teri Mabry, Mary McGeehee, Winnie McGeehee, Luke Morgan, Paula Rice, Connie Roberts, Debra Rogers, Melloanie Rogers, Wanda Rogers, Bill Sorrells, and Pam Wilkinson. Adults on the mission assignment were Mrs. Jeannine Dixon, Mrs. Diane Dye, Charles Holifield, Mr. and Mrs. Ollis Rogers and Kenneth White.

Twenty-Six Mississippians Work At Ridgecrest Center

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Twenty-six of more than 350 people working on the staff here at Ridgecrest this summer are from Mississippi Baptist churches.

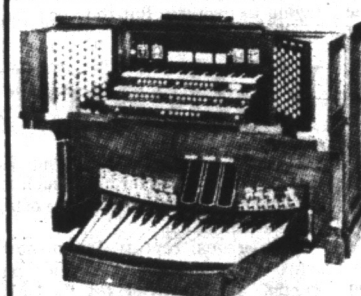
The young people are Kay Graves, a Mississippi University for Women student from Ackerman Church, Ackerman; Marsha Mathis, a William Carey College student from Enon and Bethany Church, Bay Springs; Laura Taylor, a University of Mississippi graduate from First Church, Bruce; Cindy Hearn, a Northwest Junior College student from Byhalia Church, Byhalia; Nancy Moore, a Delta State University student from Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale; Lynn Taylor, a University of Southern Mississippi student from Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; Rhonda Carol Clark, a William Carey College student from First Church, Gautier; and Debbie Broome, a University of Southern Mississippi student from Thirty-eighth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg.

The list also includes Thomas E. Marler, an R. M. Callaway High School graduate, and Marcus Marler, a Mississippi College student, both from Broadmoor Church, Jackson; Janice Rushton and Gail D. Rushton, both Jones County Junior College students from Bethlehem Church, Laurel; Kim Louise Hawkins, a Jones

County Junior College student from Eastview Church, Laurel; Jenni DeSilva, a Louisiana College student from First Church, Newton; Paul Todd Bowen, a Blue Mountain College student from First Church, Okolona; Cindy Travis, a University of Southern Mississippi graduate from First Church, Pascagoula; Kathryn Robbins, a Mississippi College student from Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Pearl; Jane Brewer, a William Carey College student from Lovell Free Will Church, Sand Hill; Rich Lloyd, a Samford University student from First Church, Starkville; Daphne Gail Wiginton, a Mississippi State University graduate from Immanuel Church, Starkville; Stephen M. Gardner Jr., a University of Southern Mississippi student from First Church, Summit; Sandra Anderson Bruce, a Mississippi College graduate and a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; Duong Tan Nguyen, a Mississippi College student from First Church, Tutwiler; and Barbara Anne Bryant, a Hinds Junior College student from Calvary Church, Vicksburg.

Working on the adult staff are Mr. and Mrs. George H. Collier who are members of First Church, Eupora.

As Ridgecrest staffers, these people will help accommodate an estimated 35,000 guests during the summer.



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Specifications and descriptions of items may be obtained in Room 208 of the Baptist Building at no charge. The items included are beds, mattresses, linens, chairs, chests, dining tables, dining chairs, class room and auditorium tables and chairs and other items — draperies, pianos and other miscellaneous items.

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Editorials

The Broadcaster's View

Turn the television off week is scheduled again for later in this month, for the week beginning July 24, if memory serves rightly.

Personally, I must give notice that I do not intend to turn off my television set for that entire week. If something comes along that I do not want to watch, I will turn it off. In fact, for most of the week, I will not turn it on. But I do not intend to give up the privilege to come home from my Sunday morning worship service, which ends at 11:30, and watch the final half of the service at First Baptist Church in Jackson. There may be a baseball game on Monday night or on Saturday afternoon that I will want to watch. More than likely I will watch several newscasts during the week.

On the other hand, Norman Lear might as well know that I refuse to watch "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman." The few episodes I have seen I felt were disgusting. I don't remember what his summer replacement for that show is called, but I doubt that it is worth watching. Someone connected with the show is reported to have called it outrageous.

Another new television show titled "Soap" is scheduled for a beginning in the fall. Many who have seen previews of the show say it is the worst thing to come along yet and may be the trigger that causes a long-suffering nation to rise up and say, "We've had enough, too much even. Get rid of the trash."

My distaste for such material, however, will not cause me to discontinue watching that which I do want to see. I

have an idea that most people are of like disposition.

There must be a way of attacking the problem that is of common concern to those who are advocating turning off the set for a week and those of us who refuse to watch the stuff we don't like but continue to watch what we do.

A few days ago two broadcast executives spent about an hour and a half talking to department directors at the Baptist Building and visited with me for some 30 minutes afterward. They insist that there is a better way than turning off the sets.

This paper is not the voice of the broadcast people. The fact is that there is a nationwide problem which needs attention. We've got to search for the right answer, whatever it is. If it is turning off the sets, then that is what we need to do. The broadcast people say that is not the best approach. Let's listen a moment.

These are Mississippi people, and they are the ones who stand to get hurt the most in a set-turning-off form of protest. These two people are Baptists. They were not in my office because they are Baptists, however. Robert Nations is station manager at WJFR in Jackson and chairman of the public relations committee of the Mississippi Broadcasters Association. Chuck Cooper is general manager of WKOR in Starkville and is president of the broadcasters association. They say that more than likely about half of the broadcasters are Baptists. These are not the people whose attention we are trying to capture. But they say they can help us.

They ask us to come by the stations and talk to them about the problem. They repeat the admonition that they need specific illustrations of problems that they can convey to the network executives. They are in contact with the networks daily, and they are heard.

And they suggest that they can help us to make better use of our broadcast dollars. They feel they can help us to counteract the disastrous effect of sex and violence on television and many of the lyrics of popular songs on radio.

The CBS Reports program on Thursday evening of last week on being born again may not be the best way of presenting Southern Baptists to the world. Bill Moyers, the narrator and host for the show, is a Southern Baptist minister; and a great deal of the content dealt with Southern Baptists. The filming of segments of invitation times however, when viewers could not possibly know what had gone before seemed to be much like taking a scripture passage out of context. But many times what we feel is a complete lack of understanding can be used by the Holy Spirit to accomplish the work He wants done, so there can be no measuring of what the results of this program might be. The gospel was presented to an audience of millions of viewers.

Before we take any action that could contribute to the destruction of something as potentially good as television, let's listen to those who are a part of it to see if they can help us.

The Vatican Envoy

On the eve of President Jimmy Carter's visit to Mississippi, regrettably, came the word that the President has appointed a personal representative to the Vatican. He has appointed David Walters to replace Henry Cabot Lodge, who was appointed by Richard Nixon and continued in that position by Gerald Ford.

In addition, just this week comes the word that Congress is about to provide tax funding for an official ambassador to the Vatican, a situation that has been prohibited by law for 100 years.

We surely want to welcome President Carter to our state, and we hope that his very brief visit here, Thursday evening and Friday morning, is pleasant. Surely it will be, for his hosts are Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City; and there could be no doubt that he will find graciousness and hospitality in the Cooper home.

Even so, as we welcome the President to Mississippi, we must also question the wisdom of a personal representative to the Vatican. Even more strenuously we must question the wisdom of Congress providing public funds for an ambassador to the Vatican. The funds have not been voted at this writing, but the personal representative has been appointed.

It is not of widespread public knowledge, as far as is known in this office, why it is that President Carter needs a personal representative to the Vatican. No good reason seems to be forthcoming immediately as to why he would need a personal representative to any religious body except his own.

If he were not President he surely would need no such representative to the Vatican. Thus since the appointment has been made because he is President, there seems to be no escaping the fact that it must be examined in the light of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

There was a smattering of concern declared following the President's video taped message to the Southern Baptist Convention; and the consensus seemed to be that as an active and committed Southern Baptist he was within his prerogative to be so personally involved with the convention. Therefore he has a personal representative to the Southern Baptist Con-

vention, and it is himself. That is fine. He is to be commended for being such an active participant in the business of his own denomination.

For personal representation, however, the Methodists, the American Baptists, the Presbyterians, the Episcopalians, and the Assemblies churches, to name a few, are left out.

Only Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics have such representatives.

The Vatican would seek to pass itself off as a type of state in the worldwide community of states, but such is not the case. It cannot be when the adherents it seeks to lead are to be found in every area of the world and in almost every nation, in which nations they hold citizenship. So this representation will be with a religious body and with that alone.

It is true that his two immediate predecessors had such a representative, but it was not a condition that had to be continued. In fact, the continuation of it at this point would give more impetus for future propagation than was the case with either of the two other Presidents.

It was not a case of continuing a man in his job. The same man, Henry Cabot Lodge, had the position under both of the previous Presidents; and he is gone. There is no salary attached to the position — only expenses paid by the taxpayers, which does include salaries paid office staffers.

There will be some who will ask, why bother about such a personal rep-

resentation being appointed. Indeed, Mr. Carter evidently feels the appointment does not violate the First Amendment, which says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." Because the President is not Congress, is he free to dabble in religion from his official capacity? To do so would seem to violate at least the spirit of the amendment.

And why should it be considered practical to appoint a representative to only one religious body?

In nationwide and worldwide affairs such things have a way of expanding over the years and becoming something they were not at all in the original concept.

Mr. Carter is a man of a great deal of courage and determination, and he knew he would face questions from many of his fellow Southern Baptists with such an appointment. He made it anyway, so evidently he must have felt a need to do so.

What was it? Regardless of the reason, we have the President of the United States, a dedicated Southern Baptist, in our state at this time (Thursday) visiting in the home of one of our own Mississippi Baptist families, the members of which are equally as dedicated to the Lord's work. We do hope the President's visit will be enjoyable and that his impression of our state will be a favorable one indeed.

Personally...

This week, for the first time in 30 years, there is no Southern Baptist state paper with John Hurt as the editor. That might not mean much to the average Baptist, but it is of great significance to those of us in the same business as he has been.

Especially is it significant to those three or four amongst us who worked with and for him at the Christian Index in Georgia and the Baptist Standard in Texas.

Then I have been around Southern Baptist state papers for 25 years

myself, so it will be hard to imagine John Hurt not being the editor of one of them. He has been for all of my career.

This is an effort to convey to him our best wishes in his retirement, which began July 16.

As a guest editorial this week we are printing the last editorial used during his administration at the Baptist Standard.

With best wishes to John Hurt goes also a welcome to his successor at the Baptist Standard, Presnell Wood. —DTM

Editor Urges Graham To 'Clear Atmosphere'

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — The editor of the Southern Baptist state news publication in Billy Graham's home state of North Carolina has editorially urged the famed evangelist to personally "clear the atmosphere" about recent disclosure of a \$22.9 million fund made up of land, stocks, bonds and cash.

J. Marjorie Grant, editor of the *Baptist Recorder*, said in an editorial written for the paper's July 9 issue that "the ministry and worldwide influence of Billy Graham has been hurt by the revelation of the fund" and that the Southern Baptist evangelist should "call a national press conference to clear the atmosphere."

Graham is currently in Europe resting and working on a book and will not

return for at least three weeks, a Graham associate said.

Grant, who described himself as a friend and supporter of Graham, questioned the wisdom of the World Evangelism and Christian Education Fund (WECEF), which the Observer recently charged had been kept a secret.

Both Graham and William Mead, a Dallas businessman and WECEF president, deny that the fund was secret.

Before leaving the U.S. for Europe, Graham called the Observer story "grossly misleading."

The paper reported that in the last seven years the Billy Graham ministry had amassed \$22.9 million through

the WECEF, an affiliate of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA).

The June 26 story by Robert Hodieme and Mary Bishop also reported that the World Evangelism and Christian Education Fund of Dallas, Tex., had taken title to a 1,200-acre tract of land near or at Oteen, N. C., midway between Asheville and the evangelist's home in Montreat, with the intention of building a layman's training center.

In a statement made available to "all Southern Baptist editors," Graham said WECEF "is not a complete secret. It's entire holdings and a list of its gifts to other evangelical organizations was no secret." He said it

has been on file with the Internal Revenue Service since the beginning in 1970 and that its IRS Form 990 report of assets "is public information."

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Book Reviews

1977 FOREIGN MISSION GRADED SERIES (Convention Press) Adult — RIVERS OF INK by Thomas W. Hill, 125 pp., \$1.45. This book tells of the ministry of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House of El Paso, Texas and interprets the significance of publications for church development and evangelism. Youth — WHOLE EARTH by Kenneth R. Lawson, 16 pp., \$35. This is a tabloid newspaper that will acquaint youth with publication work overseas. Older Children — THE CLAIM STAKER by Roberta Ryan, 80 pp., \$1.90; Ryan tells the dreams of a boy and his ministry at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas. Younger Children — ANTONIO'S CHOICE by Mary Anne Forehand, 80 pp., \$1.90; A young child of Costa Rica is introduced to Baptist literature when he attends a fair and sees a library on wheels.

THE MEANING OF THE MILLENNIUM edited by Robert G. Clouse (InterVarsity, 223 pp., \$4.25) This editor has brought together four proponents of the four major millennial views. George Eldon Ladd presents what could be called "historic" premillennialism. Herman A. Hoyt writes about "dispensational" premillennialism. Loraine Boettner discusses the postmillennial view and Anthony A. Hoekema elaborates the amillennial position. After each major essay, the other contributors respond from their particular viewpoints. In conclusion there is a bibliography of millennialist literature.

Welcome, Mr. President

The President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, an active and dedicated Southern Baptist, is visiting in Mississippi at this time (Thursday). He is visiting in the home of one of our Mississippi Baptist families, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City.

The Baptist Record staff would add its words of welcome to the President with the hope that his visit will be pleasurable and memorable. He is a Baptist, and we are one of the most Baptist of all states.

Welcome, Mr. President.

Proud Of Bible-Believing, Independent Church

By John J. Hurt

I am a member of a Bible-believing, independent church and I'm just as proud as others who have a similar boast.

But I'm terribly tired of all those folks who look down their theological noses at me when they classify themselves as attending a "Bible church."

The folk at my church believe the Bible was written by men divinely inspired and that it is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. The Bible is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

You could not bulldoze the Bible more into the center of our church. There's a bit of the symbolic in that the Bible has its own place of honor directly in front of the pulpit.

You would have a bit of trouble in our church if you tried to confine us to the King James Version as the "inspired" and "original" since we know better. Some of our people prefer the Revised Standard and our pastor often reads from the Living Bible.

My church doesn't confine itself to pooling the ignorance and wisdom of its own members. More simply, we are not allergic to Bible literature and so when we come together in Bible classes we use material others have written.

We don't necessarily put our imprimatur on everything from our own Sunday School Board but we are not timid in bragging on its publications.

Keep the focus on our boast of Bible-believing and independence. Then, go back and put quotations around most of my third paragraph. That's a paraphrase from the Southern Baptist Convention Statement of Faith. Our creed is the New Testament but that statement abbreviates most of what we believe.

Independent? We are not independent of God nor of New Testament teachings. We are not independent of a world in need nor of the lost within our building's shadows and those thousands of miles away. They are our responsibility and a responsibility we share with all Christians but more particularly those who believe the Bible as we do.

Independent? Nobody is more independent than we when it comes to the popular meaning of the word. We are self-governing, free from any blind allegiance to any man-made organization. Nobody speaks for us and there often is a babble of voices before we can speak for ourselves.

We're independent and free but we also are identified with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Southern Baptist Convention. We like the fellowship with those of similar be-

liefs. We are not members of either convention. No church has such a classification. The conventions are made up of messengers from the churches and, if you get technical, there probably is a convention only the three days or so each year when they are in session.

The ignorant like to describe their church as free of such identification since otherwise they lose their independence. That's nonsense.

The Texas convention's constitution takes 102 words to say simply it has no authority over any church and no infringement on a church's sovereignty. The SBC constitution is just as emphatic. Neither convention would dare assign us a financial goal, much less an assessment.

Instead, we believe their Cooperative Program is the best financial program for missions around the world. There is no impairment upon our independence as we voluntarily contribute monthly.

The name of my Bible-believing, independent church? It is one of the 3,878 identified with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and one of the 35,000-plus in the Southern Baptist Convention. We like our Bible-believing, independent ways and recommend it — whether you go your way or ours. —The Baptist Standard



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

LONDON, ENGLAND, July 4, 1977 — I remembered to mind my step when I alighted from the lift on my way to the refectory for breakfast. Since only a few of the Americans living in Ramsay Hall were there before me, I gathered they were sleeping late to celebrate the Fourth. It was not a holiday in England, so I would go to class after my breakfast of milk and cereal and burned toast (the cooking is so like my own that I feel right at home.)

I was still sleepy. As the telly forecast had predicted, first light appeared about 4 a.m. and I woke up. Though the feather pillows were nice, I could not go back to sleep.

The maid, a Nigerian with a dream of visiting the USA, said she would pick up my room, so I rushed to the post office to mail W. D. a letter. "If it didn't cost five pounds, I'd ring him up instead," I thought.

For the English, it's a five-minute walk from Ramsay Hall to the University of London campus, but for me it's 15. While I listened to a three-hour lecture on the structure of the newspaper in Britain, I admired a U.S. flag in the window of a flat across the street. During break time, I drank a cup of tea and read the Daily Mirror.

"Thousands of Britons dashed for the coast yesterday as temperatures soared into the eighties," the paper

said. "London had its hottest day this year with temperatures sizzling up as high as 84 F." I had gone to the South Coast on Sunday — went to church at Bournemouth — and saw the crowded beach at Weymouth, but I'll tell you about that some other time.

On July 4 I went to Piccadilly Circus by underground because it was not as dear as the bus. I minded the gap when alighting from the train and remembered to look left when crossing the street. The famous square was absolutely boiling with people of every nationality — I didn't care about going to McDonald's, but I wanted a Coke. No water fountains. Heat. Thirst. McDonald's was too full of Americans, though. Joan and I got Cokes at a street stand. To chill them, we rubbed the can over a block of ice in the drink box. Each can at that particular spot cost 25 pence (or about 50c). We sat on the grass among the red geraniums at Leicester Square to quench our thirst.

In the afternoon, the poetry professor read aloud from Wordsworth's "Tintern Abbey."

At dinner in Ramsay Hall we ate ice cream and apple pie "for America's birthday," and "chipped potatoes and fish" for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. We sang "America the Beautiful." As somebody said, we needed to be thankful for George III, for without him there might not have been a USA.

On The Moral Scene

MORE TV THAN EVER — Americans are also watching more TV than ever. The Television Bureau of Advertising reports that a TV set is on in the average U. S. home for six hours and 18 minutes every day, the highest such figure ever recorded. When NBC presented a two-hour broadcast of the movie "Gone With the Wind" in November, it attracted 65 per cent of the television audience, or some 110 million total viewers. A single minute of commercial time during the movie sold for up to \$260,000. In January, football's Super Bowl drew a record audience for a single sports event, while "Roots," a drama about slavery, won more than 60 per cent of viewers on consecutive nights. (U. S. News & World Report, Feb. 7, 1977)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Bekah Dannelley, missionary journeyman to Kenya, has completed her term of service and may be addressed at 2304 Dilloway, Midland, Miss. 38640. Born in Andrews, Tex., she has lived in several Michigan towns. Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975, she attended Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Tim Earl George was ordained for the gospel ministry by Parkhill Church, Jackson, on June 26. An advisory council for the ordination consisted of local ministers and deacons from Park Hill Church and High Hill Church. Joe H. Stovall, Jr., Herman Milner, and Russell Bridges shared in the ordination service. Tim George is the son of the late Earl George, pastor of churches in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana. A graduate of Forest Hill High School in Jackson, Tim is currently a student at Clarke College. He is married to the former Judy McKenzie of Jackson. They have a sixteen-month old son. George is now serving as pastor of High Hill Church (Neshoba).

Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. C. Smith, missionaries to Jordan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 5092, Amman, Jordan). He was born in Silver Creek, Miss., and also lived in West Monroe, La., while growing up. She is the former Virginia Walker of Farmington, Mo. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961, he was pastor of Como (Miss.) Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Peacock, missionaries to Korea, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson, Miss. 39216). They are natives of Louisiana. He is from Baton Rouge, and she is the former Teresa Mazzara of New Orleans. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968, he was pastor of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Algoma Church recently ordained three new deacons into service. Joining the present deacon staff are Julius Stahl, Sammy Barlow and Lamar Morris. Existing deacons are John Barlow, Dick Cruse, James Foster and Rubie Winters.

Margaret McArthur became full time director of children's work at First Church, Hattiesburg on June 15. She is a native of Clearwater, Florida.

A graduate of Florida State University with a B.A. in child development with elementary education certification, McArthur taught school from 1968 to 1974 in North Carolina and Florida. She then entered Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, to pursue a master of religious education degree, which she received in 1976.

Besides teaching school, she has also served as general coordinator of children's worship at Calvary Church, Clearwater, Florida, and two summers as director of children's ministries at West Flagler Park Church, Miami, Florida.

Stanley Harper, missionary journeyman to Rhodesia, has completed his term of service and may be addressed at 708 Parker Drive, Clinton, Miss. 39056. He was born in Hattiesburg, Miss., and lived in several towns while growing up, including Coral Gables, Fla. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975, he was employed at the Crossgate Nursing Home, Brandon, Miss., and was a student at Mississippi College, Clinton.

Johnny Powell, missionary journeyman to Liberia, has completed his term of service and may be addressed at 1980 Country Club Drive, Baton Rouge, La. 70808. He was born in New Orleans, La., and also lived in Baton Rouge and Kentucky. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975, he worked at the Custom Cabinet Center, Clinton, Miss.

Former Pastor Dies In Jackson

L. Frank Campbell, who for 20 years was pastor of Westview Baptist Church in Jackson, died July 12 in Jackson. Graveside services were held July 13 at Lakewood Memorial Park in Jackson. He was 60 years of age.

At the time of his death Campbell was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson. He had been pastor of churches in Sumner, Webb, and Inverness.

He was a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary.

Campbell is survived by his wife, Electra Warren Campbell; his mother, Mrs. Bracey Campbell Sr. of New Orleans; a son, Bracey Campbell III of Nashville, Tenn., who is managing editor of The Nashville Banner; a brother, Bracey Campbell Jr. of Marion, Ala., who is head of the Fine Arts Department of Judson College; a sister, Mrs. A. J. Toups of New Orleans; and one grandchild.

Campbell was the son of Bracey Campbell Sr., who was a professor at Mississippi College and who wrote the Sunday School lesson for The Baptist Record for many years.

Court Grants Minister Stay

WASHINGTON (BP) — U. S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart has stayed a Tennessee Supreme Court ruling which denied an ordained Baptist minister a seat in the state's upcoming Constitutional Convention, despite his election to the post.

Stewart's temporary stay will remain in effect until the U. S. Supreme Court decides the case of Paul McDaniel, pastor of Chattanooga's Second Missionary Baptist Church, sometime this fall.

McDaniel and his attorney say they expect he will be able to take his seat, when the convention begins Aug. 1, with no difficulty.

At issue is a 107-year-old prohibition in the Tennessee constitution which bars ministers from seats in either house of the legislature. Constitutional Convention requirements are the same as those for a seat in the legislature.

The Tennessee Supreme Court upheld the Tennessee constitution, which declares: "Whereas ministers of the gospel are by their profession dedicated to God and the care of souls, and ought not to be diverted from the great duties of their function, therefore no minister of the gospel or priest of any denomination whatever, shall be eligible to a seat in either house of the legislature."

Similar prohibitions are in effect against "atheists and dualists."

Philadelphia (RNS) — "Maggie" Kuhn, who when forced by her age to retire from her work with the United Presbyterian Division of Church and Race founded the social activist Gray Panthers, was honored by her denomination when the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship gave her the Peacekeeper Award. Her organization, established in 1970, combats what it terms "agism" and the stereotyping that goes with age. The Panthers maintain that the elderly and the young, having much in common, can and should support each other in efforts to make society more humane.

Revival Dates

Hardy Church (Grenada): July 24-29; Billy Lee Foley, Faulkner Church, evangelist; Bill Wilson, Grenada, song leader; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with dinner after the morning service; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Jimmy Gore, pastor.

Roxie Church (Franklin): July 24-29; Mack Walker, pastor Sycamore Church, Vidalia, La., evangelist; Floyd Grice, minister of music at Orchard Church, Mobile, Ala., will lead music; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Horace Carpenter, pastor.

Trinity Church, Rosedale: July 24-29; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday services 8 p.m.; Roy Myers, pastor Mt. Zion Church, Independence, evangelist; Dale Wilson, pastor.

Central Church, McComb: July 24-29; Price Harris, gospel recording artist from Shreveport, La., will lead singing; Ron Kirkland, pastor, will bring messages; services 7:30 nightly.

Midway Church, Pontotoc: July 24-29; morning services at 11 and evening services at 7:30; Charles Stubblefield, pastor Ecru Church, evangelist; Mrs. W. C. Mathews, Midway music director, song leader; Winston Ross, pastor.

Leesburg Church (Rankin): July 24-29; Sunday, dinner on the grounds; pastor Danny Henderson; different speaker each night — Monday, J. C. Renfro; Tuesday, Arthur Whitehead; Wednesday, J. W. Henderson; Thursday, Kenny Parker; Friday, E. A. Hester; services 7:30 p.m.

Sherman Church: July 24-29; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; nursery provided each evening; Harrell Wilcox, minister of music and youth at Mt. Zion, Columbus, music evangelist; James Spencer, pastor at Sherman, evangelist.

Mt. Nebo Church (Newton): July 24-29; daily at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Douglas White, evangelist; Allen Hill, music evangelist; both from First Church Union; Charles R. Davis, pastor.

Briar Hill (Rankin): July 24-29; Benton Preston, pastor Midway Church, Jackson, evangelist; Curtis Mason, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; weekday services 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Roy Garrison, pastor.

Corinth Church (Tallahatchie): July 24-29; G. E. Holley, Sr., director of missions (Panola), evangelist; Benny Champion, music director, will lead singing; services 7:45 p.m.; Matthew L. Greer, pastor.

Enon Church, Jayess: July 24-31; services as usual Sunday; weekday services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; W. P. Blair will preach; Ronnie Cambell will direct music.

First Church Abbeville: July 24-29; services daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services at regular hour; Robert E. Shirley, pastor Parkway Church Tupelo, evangelist; T. K. Moffett in charge of music; Millard L. Swinney, pastor.

Bala Chitto Church (Pike): July 24-29; 7:30 p.m. each night; Wayne DuBose, Orchard Church, Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Dale Williams, Oakdale Church, McComb will direct music; Wayne L. Williams is pastor.

O'Zion Church, Meadville: July 24-29; Sunday homecoming services 11 a.m. with dinner on the ground and afternoon singing; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Hubert Addleton, Pakistan missionary, evangelist; James Case, pastor.

Mt. Zion Church (Lincoln): July 24-29; Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Pastor Dick Hill will lead the singing; lunch will be served at the noon hour.

First Church Runnelstown: July 24-29; Raymond Leake, pastor of First Church Richton, evangelist; Roger Blackwell, song leader; Sunday services 11 a.m. with lunch at church and services at 1:30 p.m.; weekday services Monday - Friday 7:30 p.m.; Herman McAlpin, pastor.

Shuqualak Church: July 24-29; 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services; Eugene H. Dobbs, pastor First Philadelphia, evangelist; Charles Davis, pastor East Louisville, music director; Roy D. Hawkins, pastor.

Gore Springs Church (Grenada): July 24-29; Wylie Heath, evangelist; John Phillips, music; services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Michael Hunt, pastor.

Clear Creek (Lafayette): July 24-29; Dr. Dale Palmer, evangelist and Dr. Tommy Lane, music evangelist both from Bellevue Church, Memphis; services 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Kenneth McMillen, pastor.

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Spanish Gifts Displayed



The Baptist Women of Calvary Church, Columbus held a special day program on June 7 in the fellowship hall. Music and its use, an aid to witnessing by missionaries, was discussed. A display of gifts to Mrs. Mildred Thomas from some of her missionary friends in Spanish-speaking countries was also of interest. Many of the ladies wore colorful costumes. Pictured from left to right are those who attended the meeting: back row — Mrs. Ester Perkerson, Mrs. R. M. Montgomery, Mrs. W. Q. Trapp, Mrs. Helen Hester, Mrs. James Jewell, Mrs. L. R. Switzer, Mrs. Fred Ledlow; second row — Mrs. A. B. Porter, Mrs. H. D. Bowen, Mrs. John Sykes, Mrs. Emily Blalock (who attended the meeting in a costume made from her kitchen curtains), Mrs. W. W. Stanley, Mrs. Robert Mishler; front row kneeling — Mrs. Frances Goodman, Mrs. Mary Mitchell and Mrs. Olean Salley.

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On The Right Track

God is moving among Southern Baptists all across the country and around the world. Our six Southern Baptist Seminaries are all overflowing. In the next 25 years these highly and competently trained young people will be available to multiply the missionary staffs, start new churches, and enter new and exciting lands with the message that Jesus is Lord. The committed and informed Christian today has the inner feeling that something wonderful is about to happen in our suffering and confused world to point it to Jesus and involve those who receive Him into New Testament churches.

An interesting thing has happened in the last decade in the railroad industry. As various railroads faced serious financial problems they began to get together to strengthen their companies. Some small lines fiercely defended their independent status and refused to cooperate. Today as you ride over the nation you see tracks that are grown up in weeds with decayed foundations and rusty rails. They exercised their individualism right into extinction!

Churches faces a similar situation. Increasingly our alert people are recognizing we can accomplish so much more and provide a lasting quality to our worldwide work through cooperation. It is more economical, has better supervision, and follows sound business practices in its functions and reporting.

Our world mission is not like a comet which flashes through the sky to cause a momentary attack on the darkness, it is like a bright and shining star that is there night after dark night because it has the durability of God's creative power sustaining it.

While the weeds, rust, and decay devour the short-sighted, Southern Baptists are ON THE RIGHT TRACK as they pray, preach, and provide for a world mission enterprise through the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM!





Just For The Record

A pre-revival prayer retreat will be held Friday night July 22 for the members of Central Church, McComb. Beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday the 23rd, a great old fashioned gospel day will be held near the play ground area at Percy Quin State Park. The public is invited to attend and enjoy the music, testimonies, puppet shows, and messages. A 25c admission ticket will get you a hotdog and a drink. Tickets may be purchased at Central Church by mailing to PO Box 843, McComb, Miss. 39648; or by phoning 684-1577.



Braxton Church on June 26 honored its pastor, G. P. Bufkin with a certificate of appreciation and a check for \$1,000. Pictured on the right is Glenn Kelly, chairman of deacons, making the presentation to Bufkin on behalf of the members of the church. The check was given toward the purchase of a new automobile.

The total morning service was set aside by the church members to show their love and appreciation for their pastor. The special music consisted of two soloists, Gloria May from Mendenhall, singing "Dear Hearts" and Phil Lang, minister of music at Braxton, singing "Fill My Cup, Lord."

Mrs. Roy Russell was organizer of the pastor's appreciation day.

Three tributes were given. Glenn Kelly, speaking from a deacon's point of view, spoke on the subject, "The Pastor, His Call and Responsibility." He ended with a progress report of the church in the last four and a half years. J. O. Jenkins, speaking from a Sunday School director's point of view, spoke on the subject, "The Making of a Great Pastor." Mrs. Charlene Dudley, speaking from a Sunday School teacher's point of view, spoke on the subject, "Taking Your Pastor For Granted." The service ended with a fellowship meal.

Roundaway Church, Jackson will be experiencing a Lay Renewal Weekend July 22-24. Schedule is as follows. Friday: 6:30 p.m. — covered dish supper in fellowship hall for adults, youth and children; 7:30 p.m. — general session; 8:45 p.m. — small sharing groups. Saturday: 10-11 a.m. — coffee groups in various community homes, coke party at pastorium for youth; 12 noon — church luncheon; 6:30 p.m. — covered dish supper; 7:30 p.m. — general sessions; 8:15 p.m. — share groups. Sunday: 11 a.m. — Lay Renewal leaders in charge of services. Children will be cared for in elementary depts. during all activities. Weekend will be people-to-people rather than pulpit-to-pew. Persons from various places will be coming to be Lay Renewal Team Members, and will be staying in homes in the community. Public invited to attend.



Dr. and Mrs. Walter Yeldell have been with North Greenwood Church for five years. The membership designated June 4 as "Yeldell Appreciation Day." Lewis Jenkins, deacon chairman, presents the pastor and his wife with a love gift from the church.

Pine Grove Church (Neshoba) promoted attendance in Bible study beginning in May, looking forward to the month of June. High attendance day was planned for July 3. Recognition was given for the highest in attendance and highest percentage according to enrollment. Each teacher received a badge with the name of the class and attendance for July 3, teacher's name, the church, and the date. The average attendance for the year through the month of May was 140. Average for June was 147, and on high attendance day July 3, there was 161.

Satartia Church will hold its second homecoming July 24. This year marks the 71st year of the church, having been constituted August 26, 1906. Services will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday with James Yates of First Church, Yazoo City, as evangelist. Gene Speight, pastor, will lead the singing. Dinner will be served on the ground at noon. There will be an afternoon of singing and services begin nightly at 7:30 p.m.

The William Brown family of Russell Church (Lauderdale) was recognized for their number of years of perfect attendance in Sunday School: Brown having 9 years; Ruby Brown, 6 years; and their daughter, Mary Evelyn Mooney, 13 years. Brown is a deacon and has served a number of years as Sunday School Director and on the finance committee. Mrs. Brown works with pre-schoolers and the baptism committee. Mary Evelyn and her husband Irvin Mooney lead a Training Union class. All are members of the choir.

There will be a Family Life Conference sponsored by the Grenada-Yalobusha Association, August 3-5 at First Church in Grenada. The conference will begin 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 and will then meet 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 4 and 5. The conference is for the entire family, from ages 6 through retired adults. Provisions will be made for pre-school children.



Algoma Church deacons are pictured burning the note on their new parsonage. Pictured from left to right are Dick Cruse, John Barlow, James Foster, and Ruble Winters, chairman of the deacons. The new home was built and paid for in a period of three years. Algoma pastor is Charles Rodgers.

Ruleville Church Honors John Cox

Ruleville Church has honored John Cox for serving as its custodian for the past 28 years.

A. M. "Sonny" Moore, pastor of the church, presented Cox with a certificate of appreciation and a large print Bible; Franklin Terrell, chairman of deacons, presented him with a check from the church. A special music program was presented by the youth and adult choir under the direction of Rudy Rideout, minister of music.

After a message by Moore, Cox led in prayer and then extended his hand in friendship. Following was a reception with homemade ice cream and cake.

Cox began working with the church in 1949 after working at Planters Bank and Trust Co. for six years.



Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Boy, if I heard that the President of the United States planned to come spend the night at my house a week later, I'd have to commandeer every mop and bucket, vacuum cleaner, dust rag and can of Pledge in North Jackson, along with hiring each of their owners to come operate them!

Every once in a while we rather facetiously say, "We have such a dirty house we had better have a party." Now, what that means is that we need to have some compelling reason to make us clean out the corners and under the beds, to say nothing of the middle of the floors.

The weeks before school was out, it was a relief to me to round the corner and see that our house was still there: I was horrified that the garbage truck would pick it up one day. Now I have caught up with a few of the neglected chores that made it so dirty and unkempt, but it is still a far cry from being ready for the President. Nevertheless, if I had important guests on the way, I would be doing some really thorough putting-in-order.

Most of you are way ahead of me: one of our Baptist beliefs is that Christ will return.

But there won't be any news conference to announce it.

We must stop giving the impression that the church is surrounded by a wall, fighting for its existence against a world that is trying to destroy it; instead, we must realize that the church is a force pushing our into the world. — Isaac K. Beckes

Missionaries Praise Hawkins

Often a victim of consumer criticism as a trade, C. H. Hawkins, Sr., of Kosciusko, was one automobile dealer singled out for praise by two Southern Baptist missionaries to Spain.

In a letter to the Brotherhood Commission complimenting its missionary transportation assistance program, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitten of Yazoo City said Hawkins sold them a car for a sacrificial sum when they returned to the United States last December.

"In a recent accident (no serious injuries) the car was 'totaled out.' Once again we turned to Hawkins for help. He is the process of helping us to have transportation until we return to the field August 20.

"We have tried to thank Mr. Hawkins, but we want you to know. He is a fine Christian man... an inspiration to us... a practical help in securing transportation.

"We feel such men are rendering a valuable service to the causes of God's Kingdom and we are so deeply appreciative."

Sunday School Lesson: International For July 24

Claiming The Long-Promised Land

By Wm. Fallis
Joshua 2-6; 14:1-5

If after last Sunday's lesson you continued reading in the book of Numbers, you discovered more history and more instructions for worship. But there seemed to be no progress toward Canaan until the division of the land was discussed near the end of the book. The story ended with the people camped at the Jordan across from Jericho. Since the book of Deuteronomy is a review of what had happened, plus some sermons on the law and the work of Moses, we pick up the main story of the Israelites in the book of Joshua. He was chosen to succeed Moses as the leader of the people, and he was primarily noted as a warrior. But he was loyal to the Lord, and the book of Joshua tells of the conquest of Canaan. Memorial: To Remember Jordan (Josh. 4:4-7)

By verse 11 of the first chapter of

Joshua the new commander has told the people to be ready within three days to cross the Jordan River and enter the Promised Land. After getting a favorite report from two spies who had visited Jericho, Joshua led the people to the river's edge. Instructed by the Lord, Joshua had the priests bearing the ark to step into the river, in flood stage at that time (3:15), and at once it stopped flowing southward. Then the multitude walked through the riverbed while the priests held the ark at the midpoint.

After the people had gathered on the west side, the Lord gave Joshua more instructions. Twelve men, one from each tribe, picked up large stones (to be carried on the shoulder) where the priests stood and piled them on the west bank (v.8). The cairn was to be a memorial to the great action of the Lord. When later generations would ask about the stones, the story of that miracle could be retold in praise of the Lord.

Providence: From Manna To Grain (Josh. 5:10-12)

From the second month after they left Egypt the children of Israel had eaten daily a strange substance which

they called manna. It was provided by the Lord because food supplies were uncertain in the wilderness. In this passage we see the end of the gift. While camped at Gilgal, the people observed the passover "on the fourteenth day of the month." On the next day they ate unleavened cakes and parched grain, probably secured from Canaanite farmers. At last, they had eaten produce of their new homeland, and the next day the manna stopped coming. So, God's care continued in a new form, and they enjoyed the bounty of Canaan that year.

Conquest: Beginning At Jericho (Josh. 6:1-5; 11:23)

News of the Lord's miracle at the Jordan melted the hearts of the Amorites and Canaanites (5:1), but before Israel could proceed from the river into the land, Jericho must be dealt with. Instead of a military strategy, the Lord outlined to Joshua a strange plan to capture the city. On each of six days the army was to march around it once with seven priests trumpeters preceding the ark. On the seventh day they were to march around seven times, and when the priests blew a blast on their rams' horns, the soldiers

Devotional Practicing The Word Of God

By Len Turner, pastor, Colonial Heights, Jackson
James 1:19-20

No more worlds to conquer! That was the cry of Alexander the Great after his Grecian armies swept across the then known world. Bold and impulsive, Alexander was one of the few men in history who deserved to be called great.

Anger was not generally a part of Alexander's nature. Several times in his life, however, he was tragically defeated by temper. On one of those occasions, Cletus, a dear friend of Alexander and general in his army, became intoxicated and began to ridicule the emperor in front of his men. Blinded by anger, Alexander snatched a spear from a soldier and hurled it at Cletus. Although he had only intended to scare the drunken general, his spear took the life of his childhood friend.

Deep remorse followed his anger. Overcome with guilt, Alexander attempted to take his own life with the same spear, but his men stopped him. For days he lay sick, calling for Cletus, chiding himself as a murderer.

Alexander the Great conquered many cities, but he had failed to conquer his own spirit. Throughout history, many have destroyed their lives by passion and pride.

James offers a tried and proven remedy, "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19).

Be swift to hear. Psychotherapists tell us that listening is probably the most simple and effective technique for helping troubled people.

Poor listening causes a tremendous waste in education and industry. Thousands of marriages are ended each year because the husband and wife stopped listening to each other.

James says, "Be swift to hear." Swift to hear what? Swift to hear the Word of God. The first step in conversion is hearing. The Bible tells us that "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17).

It is sad when people fail to listen to each other, however, it is eternally fatal when they fail to listen to God.

Be slow to speak. Everybody seems to have something to say. Never before in history have so many said so much and done so little!

Zeno, the ancient philosopher, once said, "We have two ears and one mouth; therefore we should listen twice as much as we speak." That's good advice.

Unfortunately, some people shift their minds into neutral and stomp the gas pedal of wild talk. Solomon wrote, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles" (Proverbs 21:23).

Be slow to wrath. Why should we be slow to wrath or anger? James continues, "For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God" (verse 20). Man's anger hinders God's work. When you lose your temper, you really lose the ability to think sanely and to make balanced decisions.

Anger borders on insanity. When we are angry, we say irrational things.

May we allow God to lead us to practice the Word of God.



Bolivar Associational Music Department presented the musical "Bright New Wings" Thursday evening June 30, to approximately 250 people in First Church, Cleveland. The cast as pictured above were: back row — Don Fears, Brenda Breland, Glenn Rhett, Wayne Polk, Laura Shurden, Carol Harmon; Front row — John Pearson, Jan Brown, Beverly Stanley and Milton Burd. Not pictured is Regina Allen. Production was under the direction of Richard Strahan. Jimmy Breland was sound coordinator. Dewayne Simms and Mike Millican were in charge of lighting. Polly Harden is the associational director of music and Jan Brown is associate director. Picture by Duffie Stephens - Bolivar Commercial, Cleveland.

Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg Holds Black Bible School

Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg has already completed two summer mission activities, and still has one planned for the middle of August.

Planned for August 15-19 is a black Bible school to be held in the city park in Vicksburg. Last year there was an average attendance of around 125. Coordinated by Mike Evans, bus director and administrative assistant at Woodlawn, the school expects an attendance of several hundred this year due to a more extensive bus ministry.

"There's been a great response from the community," comments Paul Brooks, pastor of the church. "Everyone seemed to appreciate our ministry to the blacks last year, and are looking forward to it this year."

Brooks coordinated a "Starlite Crusade" in the city park during the week of June 20-24. He preached, and Gary Y. Hodges, the church's minister of music and youth, led the singing. Average attendance was 300. Hodges coordinated a backyard Bible study during the week of June 21-July 1 from 8-11 in the mornings in the homes of church members around the county. The studies were all led by teenagers, and were organized like Bible schools complete with a school principal.

"Sometime in the near future,"

Brooks said, "There will be a summer mission group of 45 from the church to go to a church in Indian Springs, Nevada." The group will hold backyard Bible studies and take a religious census. Another "Starlite Crusade" will also be held.

MC Approves Five Promotions

CLINTON — Mississippi College has announced the approval of five promotions in recent actions taken by the Mississippi College Board of Trustees.

Those receiving the promotions include Gerald D. Lee to interim dean of the School of Business and Public Administration, Nan Sibley to Registrar, Hazel K. Anthony to administrative assistant to the vice president of business affairs, Linda Lytal to director of Career Development Center, and Sarah Nell Spencer to accountant.

Lee has been with Mississippi College since September of 1970 and has served as assistant professor of economics, associate professor, and assistant dean of the School of Business and Public Administration. His promotion comes upon the retirement of D. Gray Miley, long time head of the school.

Sibley joined the staff of Mississippi College in 1971 and has served as associate registrar since that time. Sibley will replace Troy Mohon, who retired in May after 23 years of service to the college.

Hazel Anthony came to Mississippi College in 1961 and has served as secretary to Joe Barber, Vice President of Business Affairs and Mrs. L. M. Lanier, the former vice president.

Linda Lytal has worked as a part time instructor and counselor at Mississippi College since 1973. She has worked closely with the career development center and will be directing the program on a full time basis. Sarah Nell Spencer has been promoted to an accountant in the Mississippi College Accounting Office. She was employed by Deposit Guaranty National Bank before coming to Mississippi College in 1963.

In other actions taken by the board, George Pittman, formerly dean of the School of Humanities at Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Tex., has been named professor and head of the English Department. Pittman received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College and the M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi.